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## Viewing cable 03COLOMBO705, In another negative signal, Tigers postpone meeting of key assistance committee

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| Reference ID | Created          | Released         | Classification | Origin          |
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| 03COLOMBO705 | 2003-04-24 09:47 | 2011-08-30 01:44 | CONFIDENTIAL   | Embassy Colombo |

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"C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 03 COLOMBO 000705 SIPDIS DEPARTMENT FOR D, SA, SA/INS, S/CT NSC FOR E. MILLARD LONDON FOR POL/RIEDEL E.C  
DECL: 04-24-13  
TAGS: PGOV PTER PINS EAID CE NO JA LTTE  
SUBJECT: In another negative signal, Tigers postpone meeting of key assistance committee  
Refs: (A) FBIS Reston Va DTG 240442Z 03 - (B) Colombo 696, and previous - (C) Oslo 803 (Notal) (U) Classified by Lewis Amselem, Deputy Chief of  
Reasons: 1.5 (B, D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: Late April 23, the Tamil Tigers postponed the next meeting of a key committee focused on humanitarian assistance issues. Admit  
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2. (U) In a statement issued late April 23, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) announced that it was postponing the next meeting of a

3. (U) ((Note: Before the LTTE's April 23 announcement, the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Immediate Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Necessities

4. (U) The LTTE's statement attributes the decision to postpone the meeting to "our leadership's wish to await action and implementation on various

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5. (C) When queried, Norwegian government facilitators admitted to being caught off guard by the LTTE's latest action. In an April 24 conversation

23. Up to that time, the Norwegians, convinced the meeting was on, were preparing to send their team to Kilinochchi. In response to the unfolding

6. (C) In an April 24 meeting, Indian High Commission polchief Taranjit Sandhu told us the Tigers' decision was another "unfortunate" move by

===== COMMENT =====

7. (C) Coupled with their withdrawal from the peace talks, the latest Tiger move places added pressure on the whole process. At this point, the

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8. (U) The text of the LTTE statement issued late April 23 follows: Begin text: Mr. Goonetilleke: In accordance with the decision of our organization

9. (U) Minimize considered.  
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